Department of Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

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From: Executive in Charge and Chief Information Officer, Office of Information and Technology (005)

Subj: Change to Project Management Accountability System (PMAS) Guide 5.0 (VAIQ 7606746)

To: See addressees below

1. This change to the PMAS Guide 5.0, Section 1.1 defines and clarifies the term "enhancement of an existing system or its infrastructure." This change also adds a requirement for Service Delivery and Engineering (SDE) project teams to utilize the PMAS Dashboard to track and report costs associated with enhancements.

2. This change is effective June 05, 2015 and remains in effect until incorporated in the next published version of the PMAS guide.

3. The existing language in the PMAS Guide 5.0, Section 1.1, PMAS Applicability states:

   "The Assistant Secretary for Information Technology (AS/IT) has directed that all product delivery projects use PMAS. All VA IT projects that introduce new functionality or enhance existing capabilities within current systems in VA are defined as delivering products. All development projects and those infrastructure projects that provide new capability fall under the management discipline of PMAS. Those IT projects that are managing the sustainment of existing systems are not defined as product delivery projects and are not governed by PMAS. VA IT projects, whether funded by the IT Appropriation or any other appropriation, and that are resourced at a value greater than $250,000 (which includes both contract and full time equivalent) total lifecycle cost must use PMAS."

4. This language now reads:

   "The Assistant Secretary for Information Technology (AS/IT) has directed that all product delivery projects use PMAS. VA IT projects that deliver products, whether funded by the IT Appropriation or any other appropriation, and that are resourced at a value greater than $300,000 total project delivery/deployment cost (which includes both contract and full time equivalent costs) must use PMAS. All VA IT projects that introduce new functionality or enhance existing capabilities within current systems in VA are defined as delivering products. All development, modernization and enhancement projects, projects delivering new security capabilities, and those infrastructure sustainment projects that provide new capability - including sustainment/lifecycle replacement projects - that exceed the $300,000 delivery threshold, fall under the management discipline of PMAS. Those IT projects that are solely managing the sustainment of existing systems are not defined as product delivery projects and are not governed by PMAS."

5. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Carol Macha, Director, PMAS Business Office, (630) 297-8374 at Carol.Macha@va.gov.

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